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For : VIRUS REMOVAL BAG AND METHOD FOR REMOVING
VIRUSES BY USING THE SAME

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby bring the following information to the attention of the Examiner in charge of the above-identified application, which includes information cited and discussed in the specification and the International Search Report issued in connection with International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2003/015974, of which the present application is the U.S. National Stage Application. A copy of the International Search Report was enclosed with the papers when entering the U.S. National Stage on June 10, 2005. The Examiner is invited to review these materials to inspect the relevance indicated during international examination with respect to the documents cited therein. The following is a list of the documents cited in the above-noted documents:

International Patent Publication No. WO 01/28597;

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. HEI 3-146067, together with an English language abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document is cited on page 10 of the specification of the present application;

English language abstract of Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. HEI 7-267871. Applicants note that this document is cited on pages 8 and 9 of the specification of the present application;

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. HEI 11-267421, together with an English language abstract of the same;

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. SHO 62-67456, together with an English language abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document is cited on page 5 of the specification of the present application;

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. SHO 63-88130, together with an English language abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document is cited on pages 5 and 6 of the specification of the present application; and

U.S. Patent No. 5,100,564.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), a copy of the U.S. patent is not enclosed herewith. However, if a copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cited the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached hereto and the above-noted documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to

return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (p) to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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